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Some of the hams of NEWSLINE RADIO...

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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB4KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU WD0AKO DJ0QN  
and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(*)      The following advisory is not necessarily for trans-      *
(*) mission over amateur radio.  This is just a reminder that      *
(*) the address for the Newsline Support Fund is Newsline, in      *
(*) care of Andy Jarema, N6TCQ, Post Office Box 660937, Arcadia *
(*) California 91066.  Again, and as always, we thank you.      *
(*)      This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number *
(*) 928 for release on Friday, May 26, 1995 to follow.      *
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The following is a OST

Los Angeles County says yes to a new tower height ordinance, the FCC says its taking orders for form 610 V and the ARRL says no the W5YI anti bulletin petition. These stories and more on Newsline report number 928 coming your way right now!

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LA Tower

California's Los Angeles County has a new and fairly liberal tower and antenna ordinance thanks to the mediation efforts by members of the local ham radio community. The new law permits the erection of a ground mounted 75 foot high retractable tower that

can be nested to below thirty-five feet when not in use. Only a basic building permit is required. Prior to enactment of the new law, all ground mounted towers were limited to thirty-five feet maximum unless a variance costing over \$3000 in non-refundable filing fees was granted.

Also under the new ordinance, hams are permitted one vertical antenna exceeding thirty-five feet, and no permit is required for any antenna not exceeding the thirty-five foot height limit.

What about those hams who want to put up fixed towers to the seventy-five foot level? Those hams can apply for a special Amateur Radio Antenna Permit which is actually a variance that carries a \$317 filing fee.

And we have saved the best part for last. Let's say you have a neighbor who does not like your tower and antenna. Well from now on, anyone wanting to challenge the installation of an approved Amateur Radio tower will have to pay for that privilege. As a part of the new ordinance, the County has instituted a \$280 planning review fee that must be paid by anyone posing a challenge to a ham radio tower installation. The county says that it took this action as a way of stopping what it calls frivolous objections to the granting of antenna installation variances to licensed radio amateurs.

Work on the new ordinance was spearheaded by The Tri-County Amateur Radio Association, the Los Angeles Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, local ARRL officials and ARES disaster communications personnel.

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#### Form 610 V

The FCC has begun accepting requests for Form 610 V, the form necessary for applying for a vanity call sign through their Forms Distribution Center at 1-800-418-3676. The agency says that it will be some time before the forms are available, however, and some people who request them may get a back order notice.

Applications for amateur vanity call signs will not be accepted until some time after the forms are available from the FCC, and the Commission will make a public announcement of the date of opening of the first "gate" for vanity call sign applications.

You can also get a Form 610 V by sending an S.A.S.E. to the ARRL - VEC at 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. Write "Form 610 V request" on the outer envelope.

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#### ARRL Rebuffs W5YI Petition

With the commentary period now closed, the ARRL is making

known its resentment of an anti-bulletin station petition that would put W1AW off the air. The League says that the arguments in the petition filed by Texas publisher Fred Maia, W5YI to end one-way high frequency bulletin transmissions were overstated and inflammatory. This, in use of words such as "chaos" and "crisis proportions to describe what Maia sees as on-the-air dissension among amateurs related to such one-way transmissions.

In its strongly worded filing to the FCC, the League cites W1AW's sixty-five years of free service to amateurs, the absence of any allegations that W1AW creates any significant interference to ongoing amateur communications and the value of W1AW's bulletins in alerting amateurs to disaster situations as the primary reasons for filing against the Maia rules change request.

The ARRL says that since W1AW bulletins are not intended for the general public, they are not broadcasting. This, according to definitions in the Communications Act, the ITU Radio Regulations, and the Amateur Service Rules. They are, says the League, amateur communication that has no more potential for undue interference than any normal two-way communication.

The League says that any on-air anger perceived by Maia ought to be the subject of FCC enforcement action, not rules changes. The national society says that these situations are the direct result of the Commission allowing abuses to continue for months and years rather than addressing them in the context of the existing rules.

The League notes that there are other countries whose amateur societies also conduct informational bulletins on the air, and, in its closing arguments the ARRL urges the FCC to deny or dismiss RM-8626 without further consideration.

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#### RENEWAL ON HOLD

Word has reached Newsline that the FCC has placed the renewal application of a Pennsylvania ham on hold. This pending the outcome of a hearing to determine if he still holds the requisite qualifications to remain a licensed radio amateur.

It comes 6 months after his conviction on 4 counts of corruption of minors and an addition 4 counts of indecent assault.

The May 15th W5YI report says that the ham allegedly attracted his victims through common interest in amateur radio. Each victim says W5YI was assaulted while spending the night in the amateurs home to use the ham station.

Last November a Pennsylvania court sentenced the ham to three consecutive terms of imprisonment for 3 to 6 months on each count. He was also ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution to his victims, this to pay for their therapy.

In designating the license for hearing, the FCC says that it plans to determine if a conviction for corrupting and indecently assaulting minors, attracted to a crime scene through amateur radio is relevant in evaluating the likelihood that a licensee will comply with the commission's rules that govern the amateur radio service. If the decision goes as expected, that being against the radio amateur, it will reinforce a precedent that stood for years. A precedent that says the FCC can remove convicted criminals from the ranks of amateur radio.

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#### Update on Condition of W40YI

From the ARRL word that President George Wilson, W40YI, continues to recover from his February 11th stroke. George is now able to communicate quite well, and thanks everyone for their good wishes.

As previously reported, back on May 1st W40YI was transferred to an intensive rehabilitation program in Evansville, Indiana. ARRL First Vice President Rod Stafford, KB6ZV, continues as acting League President.

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#### Newsline Home Page On WWW

Newsline has become the first ham radio on-air news service with a home page on the World Wide Web. The Newsline home page is the work of Lou Williams, KE4ARM, and sits in hypertext on a North Carolina file server system. Now, pick up your pencil and paper and get ready for the Internet address for the Newsline home page. To access it, connect to  
[HTTP://WWW.NCSU.EDU/HAMRADIO/NEWS.HTML](http://WWW.NCSU.EDU/HAMRADIO/NEWS.HTML)

Yes, it is a Unix command line and a bit complex, so tell you what. If you did not get it, simply drop us a note at our regular e-mail address and we will send it to you. Our e-mail address is a lot simpler to remember. It's [billwa6itf@aol.com](mailto:billwa6itf@aol.com).

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#### Fund Report April

And speaking about Newsline, its time for our regular Support Fund Administrators Report.

We begin this month's report by thanking everyone from the Greater Greensborough Hamfest, the Atlanta Area Kenahouchy Radio Club, and Wayne Zena's group from Plymouth, Indiana. From Ohio we heard from the Canton Amateur Radio Club. From California we heard from Charles Miller-WB6JHQ from San Dimas, and Dell Radent-

N6JZE from San Diego. Finally we were left scratching our heads a little bit when we heard from South Canadian Amateur Radio Society. Apparently they are based Norman, Oklahoma.

Of course here in Arcadia, California we have a noisy flock of South America wild Parrots that got waylaid on their migration. Maybe this is just a group of Canucks that got migrated to Americas heartland.

Remember that clubs that support us, the club name, repeater call and service area get a mention during our newscast ID break.

Andy will be back with another report in about 4 weeks.

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#### Central States VHF Conference

The 1995 conference of the Central States VHF Society will be held July 27 to 29 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel. For information about the conference contact Lauren Libby, KX00, 719-593-9861.

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#### Atom Museum Operation

Jay Miller, WA5WHN reports from the Duke City that there will be a Special Events Station, August 5 & 6 from the National Atomic Museum located on Kirtland Air Force Base. This, to coincide with the 50 year celebration of VJ Day and the reunion of the 509th US Army Air Corps Wing taking place August 5th to the 11th in Albuquerque.

Jay says that the callsign for the special event operation will be K5QQ with operation in the General Licensee phone band on 15, 20 & 40 meters. The Station itself will be set up right next to the B-29 display just outside the Museum.

QSL requests along with an S.A.S.E. go to the National Atomic Museum Special Events Station, P.O. Box 6552, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87197-6552.

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#### DX - Jason

In DX, from the United Kingdom comes word that Project Jason is the operational name of a worldwide educational program for the development of young peoples interest into the world of communications has begun.

To commemorate the event, stations GB0JAS, GB6JAS and GB4JAS will be operational from June 3rd to November 11th on 80, 40, 20, 15, 6 and 2 meters and on 70 Centimeters for 12 hours a day.

QSL as directed on the air.

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#### Yaesu DX Caribbean Cruise goes VHF

The YAESU DX Caribbean cruise scheduled for June 18th thru June 25th will be operating on 50, 144 and 432 MHz SSB as well as on the high frequency bands. Operators are willing to make schedules with interested VHFers wanting rare grid squares or maritime mobile contacts. Contact Gordon West, WB6NOA to arrange a scheduled UHF or VHF sideband contact and for other scheduling information.

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#### New England Ham Wins QST Cover Award

Congratulations to Mike Ardai, N1IST, of Brighton, Massachusetts. Mike is the winner of the QST cover plaque award for April 1995. His article, "Building a Digital Voice Recorder for Less Than \$15" was selected as the best article in that issue by the ARRL Board of Directors.

Mike is an active member of the Boston ARC and manages various Amateur Radio distribution listings on the Internet. He will receive an attractive plaque to celebrate the selection of his article.

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#### Pentium Fun

And finally, it would seem that Intel Co. has had some salt poured into their gaping wound over the bad Pentium chips. AC4BZ reports via packet radio that a California company, Silicon Valley Ware, has found a new use for defective Pentium chips. They're making jewelry out of them. AC4BZ says that an ad in the latest issue of Playboy Magazine notes that you have your choice of earrings, bracelets, necklaces and key rings made from a Pentium chip.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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